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## **Dymally Statement on Drew University Lawsuit Against L.A. County**

**COMPTON –Assemblymember Mervyn M. Dymally** (D-Compton) issued the following statement regarding the announcement by Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science that they will pursue damages against the County of Los Angeles in Los Angeles County Superior Court:

"It's unfortunate that Drew University had to resort to the judicial system to resolve this crisis. However, this was inevitable due to the fact that the County unceremoniously left us no alternative."

"I stand today in solidarity with the faculty and students of Drew University and with the community that it serves."

Drew has cited deliberate breaches of contract that resulted in an "engineered catastrophe" for one of the foremost minority-based medical schools in the nation and 1.7 million poor and medically underserved residents of South Los Angeles.

Dymally is the author of **Assembly Joint Resolution 1** ([AJR 1](#)) which calls upon Congress to give Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science the status of being a Historically Black College/University.

*Assemblymember Mervyn M. Dymally represents the culturally diverse 52<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District which includes Compton, Watts, Willowbrook, Paramount, North Long Beach, and South Los Angeles. He is Chair of both the Legislative Black Caucus and the Assembly Health Committee.*

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